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FRIDAY, 7TH MARCH, 1969. RUNS AT TEN RUNNING ORDER

Reginald Bosanquet

30	TITLES					30
4.10	1. MOONBUG/VTR/FILM/ ~~[illegible]~~ (TAPE 22" 1.35)	3.14 / 4.09	1.16 / 1.33 / 1.00 / 4.58 / 1.07 / .48	30 / 1.36 / 3.21 / 4.10 / 5.46 / 6.05	1.18 / 1.33 / 1.00 / 5.05 / .46	1.40 / 3.15 / 4.09 / 4.12 / 5.50
1.36	2. RUSSIANS/~~VTR~~/FILMS (48")	2.22				
2.46	3. FORDS/DIXON LIVE/FILM	5.08	6.35 / 1.30	5.51 / 7.55 / 8.32	6.01 / 6.43 / 1.30	8.03 / 8.42
2.06	4. FORDS/LINDLEY FILM +2.00	7.14	NLI / 2.06	(8.38) / 10.38	NLI / 2.06	10.46
45	5. VAUXHALL/SINGL/DIXON LIVE	7.59	NLI / .45	9.23	NLI / .45	11.36
18	5A. FILM C/GOLD/CAP	8.17		9.41		11.56
~~3.05~~ 16	6. ULSTER/~~VTR~~ +1.00	~~11.19~~	9.57 / 2.46	(11.43) / 12.43	~~NLI~~ / 10.46	12.
25	6A. S/BY.	11.50				12.32
2.35	7. BAGIER/JULES VTR +1.55	14.25 ~~13.54~~	12.23 / 1.55		13.16 / 1.55	15.11 *
31	8. BAGIER HEAD CUT	14.25		12.54		
19	9. PRECOMMERCIAL	14.44		13.13		15.33
2.05	COMMERCIAL BREAK	16.49				17.38

*CUE DOT

1.40 / 1.35 / 3.15 — 3.15 — 13.13 / 1.55 / 15.08 / 1.00 / 16.08 / 2.00 / 18.08

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22.28 / 1.55 / 24.23 / 1.00 / 25.23

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1.24	10.	ISRAEL/HURT PHOTO	18.13	13.34 1.03	14.37	18.02 1.03	19.05
1.33	11.	JORDAN/GAOL FILM +1.12	19.46	14.58 1.12		19.29 1.12	20.41
2.55	12.	STRETA/U/LAY 20" & B.W VTR.					
10	12A.	LEAD OUT		2.29		2.29	
	13.	PUSH BIKER					
38	14.	LEVIS	20.24		16.36		
21	15.	GLASGOW FIRE/FILM	20.45	NLI 28	15.56	NLI ·19	20.45 21.04
18	16.	WELSH HUNGER VTR U/LAY 12"	21.03		16.18 16.08		·07 19
31	17.	CHANNELS/FILM +31	21.34	NLI ·31	16.49	·31	21.50
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56	20.	CRICKET/STILES/FILM	25.09 ~~25.02~~	·40	20.17	24.46 ·40	25.20 25.26
7	20A.	LEAD OUT	25.09		20.24		
3.06	21.	MINES/MINEFIELD VTR.	28.15	2.28	20.30	25.37 2.53	* 28.30
5	22.	GOODNIGHT	28.20		20.35		
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HEADLINES

1. AMERICA'S MOONSHIP HAS DOCKED SAFELY.

2. RUSSIANS MARCH ON THE CHINESE EMBASSY IN MOSCOW.

3. THE FORD TALKS ARE OFF - AND THE STRIKE'S STILL ON.

4. TEST MATCH - NOW FIGHTING STOPS PLAY

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NAT Miles

APOLLO (VTR/CAPS/ TAPE/ FILM)

The testing of the final stage of America's Apollo moon project has proved itself a success.

VTR Good evening.

The 3 Apollo astronauts are tonight safely together again after carrying out the most dangerous exercise ever performed in space.

Two of them - Schweickart and McDivitt - had spent over 6 hours in the fragile moonship, nicknamed Spider, separated from the command ship.

CAP 1 The whole time they were apart it would have been impossible to get back to earth if anything had gone wrong. Yet at one time the mooncraft

CAP 2 travelled 100 miles from the mother ship... completely out of sight. But they found each other and

CAP 3 here's the exciting moment two hours ago as they peered through tiny portholes to link up again right on the nose.

TAPE WITH CAPS 3 & 4.

FOLLOWED BY FILM UP R.T. 1.35.

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NEWS AT TEN Miles

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FILM UP
PLUS SUPERS: It was a dress rehearsal for a moon landing. McDivitt and Schweickart had crawled into the moonship this morning,

SUPER 1.40 leaving Scott alone in the command ship. When they first separated, at twenty to two, the moonship - Spider - pirouetted so that Scott, in the mother ship, could take photographs.

SUPER 4.40 First the moonship drifted away - then its descent engine was fired, this to simulate an actual moon landing. In fact, this put it into a different orbit and the gap between the two craft opened up.

CUE: &
SUPER 5.50 At ten to six, McDivitt fired the moonship's ascent engine, leaving the descent stage behind. The two spacecraft started to close up again. Then came the trickiest part of the whole operation as McDivitt and

SUPER 7.45 Schweickart kept the command ship in sight through their window and homed on it using radar. As they carried out the delicate last manoeuvres, turning the mooncraft for final pictures, both were orbiting the earth at 17½ thousand miles an hour. But the difference in speed between the two was less than a mile an hour. Any sideways motion as they docked could have sent them cartwheeling in space. It was what space officials called "the moment of truth."

SUPER 8.00 &
CUE: Once they touched, spring clamps locked them together. so that the astronauts could climb back into the command ship.

SUPER ? &
CUE: And that's the end of the £50 million mooncraft. It'll now become just another piece of junk, floating in space.

March 7th 1969

NEWS AT TEN

APOLLO PHONO PETER FAIRLEY

Everyone here's delighted with the way things have gone, especially with the performance of the crew who yesterday sent brilliantly clear TV pictures from inside the spidery craft that will one day land men on the moon. Well they doubt that they risked their lives to test this moonship which they nicknamed the tissuepaper spaceship, because itps so flimsy. Although they could have called for help from the ground they worked out the whole rendezvous and handled it themselves. They did so after only 5 hours of sleep. The success of today's manoeuvres, which were officially called the most complex every attempted in space, means that all the bits and pieces of America's moon landing programme are now proven and ready. There remains one last test of everything manoeuverable probably in the Spring, but a moon landing now seems full set for late July. Peter Fairley, NAT Houston Texas.

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NEWS AT TEN

APOLLO

I havent had a....like that in a long time.

? Well it's a very nice thought .

Ok Houston we're locked up.

HOUSTON Sounds like you passed the 20.10 Jim, that sounded reall beautiful, good show.

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MORRIS

MOSCOW DEMO VTR STILLS

STILLS

Russia has hit back at the anti-~~Soviet~~ Russian demonstrations going on in China for the past four days. Fifty thousand Russians demonstrated outside the Chinese Embassy in Moscow.

At the same time the Russian Government published a [redacted] diplomatic note sent to China yesterday demanding that the Chinese take measures to protect Russian citizens and property in Peking.

Then the Russian Foreign Ministry called a Press Conference to make new allegations against the conduct of Chinese troops in the far eastern border incident on Sunday which started the present row. They said the Chinese killed 31 Russian soldiers, and claimed Chinese troops shot, bayoneted, and stoned wounded men.

The demonstration outside the Chinese Embassy lasted three hours. From Moscow, Frank Taylor reports.

VTR AND TAPES START: "The demonstration was certainly the biggest.....

ENDS: .....on a different route back to their bases.

VTR RUNS 48"
VOICE TAPE RUNS 42"
EFFECTS TAPE RUNS 48"

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NEWS AT TEN

MOSCOW/FRANK TAYLOR

The dem nstration was certanly the g biggest Moscow has seen in years. Tens of thousands of Moscowvites were buried in.....to a point near the Embassy and from there they were released in groups of about 500 to begin their march past. As they reached the first embassy building, a block of flats holding Chinese diplomats and their families, the crowds were urged on by anti Chinese slogans which came booming out of loud speakers planted on the top of four vans. the demonstrators paused for a few minutes in front of the embassy hurled ink bottles, stones and lumps of frozen snow over the heads of police and shouted abuse and then carried on on a different route back to their bases.

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DIXON

FORDS (LEAD IN TO DIXON LIFE AND SOF)

The Fords dispute took a turn for the worse when peace talks broke up in complete disagreement. With the two sides not talking to each other, it looks as though the Government will intervene.

Here's Richard Dixon.

LIVE

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DIXON LIVE/LEAD IN TO BLAKEMAN SOF/MOSS SOF/LINDLEY VTR

DIXON

Today had started with hopes reasonably high - at least
ULAY that a return to work formula might be reached. (ULAY) This
afternoon union leaders went to the TUC at the invitation of the
Acting General Secretary Mr. Victor Feather.

It didn't take him long to ring the Ford Chiefs and set up a meeting between Fords and the Union Negotiating Committee at a London Hotel.

But this was where the sweetness and light ended. Within two hours both sides were storming out, accusing each other of bad faith. Ford's had offered to withdraw further legal action, start negotiations from a clean slate simultaneously with a return to work. But according to the Fords Director of Labour, Mr. Blakeman, the Unions had very different ideas.

SOF BLAKEMAN STARTS: I went along to a.... FILM 1'18"
ENDS: .....they did that indeed yes.

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DIXON LIVE / MR? BLAKEMAN

I went along to a meeting this afternoon, a meeting that had come from the initiative of Mr. Victor Feather. I went b elieving that the unions were coming to us as pre-arranged to try and find a formula to return to wor What did I find. I found that they right away wanted to tie both my hands behind my back. They wanted me to agree in advance, first of all to give an increase in the rate of pay beyond that we've already given, to withdraw the bonus clauses that were in the agreement before they were prepared to instruct their members to return to work. Now this indicated to me that they could not have come along with any sense of negotiating with us in good faith. It was obviously not in their mindsto do so, they made their d emands and wouldnt even discuss the formula in any real sense at all .

R.D. Did they also demand that you drop all your plans for further legal action.

BLAKEMAN They did that indeed yes.

DIXON (2)

3.00
3.11

Well the Unions say Fords started the legal action, so (has poisoned the atmosphere by starting)
Fords must first stop it before any realistic talks can be held. They also made it clear that there was no chance of the men now accepting the so called penal clauses in the agreement- and they believe the men deserve some compensaticn for the mon ey they've lost because of a strike they claim Ford precipitated.

So once again it looks as if the deadlock will have to be broken by the Government.

I expect that Mrs. Castle's Ministry will now move pretty (-probably today tonight-)
fast to see what they can do to sort out a rumpus that Britain can ill afford.

Just how serious it could be Richard Lindley has been finding out at Ford's Cologne Factory in Germany.

LINDLEY VTR

STARTS.....

ENDS.....

R/T

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FORDS
DIXON LIVE SPOT / RICHARD LINDLEY

Ford Cologne were trying hard to keep pace with orders for the Capri when the stike in Britain began, they were turning out 400 a day. Now because some 78 different pressings are imported from Halewood and Dagenham, production of the new model has been hit. Already output in down 25%, in a fortnight it will have stopped altogether. And in Ghent in Belgium the situation is worse. Production of 700 Escorts a day has already stopped and 2,000 men have been laid off. And not just immediate production has ~~been~~ suffered. In the face of less overtime even redundancy, normally excellent labour relations are deteriorating.
Hans Grandee is the boss of Fords Colonge operation as well as being in charge of manufacturing and assembly in Europe.
I asked what the British dispute meant to him in the long term.
H.G. Well it more or less means that we have to become independent because we cant continue this way and we are not afraid of any kind of a strike which may happen in Britain.
R.L. This ones really the last straw
H.G. Yes I would say it is.
R.L. How long will it take you to become independent.
H.G. Between 6 and 9 months.I would say. I think after 9 months we should be in a position to be more or less independent.
R.L. What do you think will happen then to Fords production in Britain.
H.G. Well they will also continue the same way they are continuing so far, interrupted by strikes.
R.L. Fords, Colonge, have finally had enough. They're not going to depend any longer on British made components because they cant. And in the short term they'll lose production because of the British dispute, in the end they'll be able to laugh at us because they're becoming completely independent. It's said that Fords will go on making cars in Britain as best they can, but one couldnt really blame the Ford bosses in Detroit if they preferred to invest their money here in Colonge where the profits come rolling in undisturbed by industrial action just as regularly as the cars come off the production line. RICHARD LINDLEY NAT COLONGE

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Bob Wright

DIXON /
VAUXHALL/STEEL/STILLS

STILL (A VAUXHALLS PLANT?)

In the Vauxhall's dispute, an emergency union meeting is going on tonight in a new effort to settle the unofficial strike by ten platers which has thrown 13,000 men out of work.

The meeting's being held by the A.E.F. district committee at the Ellesmere Port plant, site of the dispute. No news on the outcome yet.

And in another industry - steel -

STILL

Mr. Davies, the manual workers' leader, ~~has~~ told the British Steel Corporation that their latest compromise proposals on recognition of the white collar unions are completely unacceptable. He said his union would tell the TUC that they were relieved of any obligation to suspend industrial action.

At one stage, ~~Earlier~~, the manual workers had threatened to accept orders only from members of their own unions. If they decide to do this now, it would cripple the industry.

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NEWS AT TEN

B Wright

RB/FRANCE/ GOLD/ CAPS

Uncertainty about the French economy sent gold up to record prices in Europe for the second day running.

CAP

In Paris, it went over 48 dollars an ounce. In London, it was 43 and a half.

CAP

The pound fell for the second day, but only slightly - to 2 dollars 38 point 95 cents.

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ULSTER/STILL LEAD IN

STILL In Northern Ireland, the Prime Minister,
Captain O'Neill, narrowly won a vote of confidence from
the standing committee of the Unionist Party.
About sixty per cent of the delegates voted for him.

~~From Belfast, Bill Norris.~~

~~VTR OF~~

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Morgan

ULSTER / STANDBY FOR VTR

Figures in Captain O'Neill's favour were 183 to 116, a majority of 67.

Captain [illegible] said after the meeting he was satisfied with his majority, and Some of his ministers said this vote, taken in a democratic fashion, should see the end of the leadership struggle.

The vote means that the prime minister has been endorsed in triplicate - at the general election, at the meeting of the parliamentary party and now by the standing committee.

But it was by no means clear in Belfast that this would be the end of the struggle. Some observers argued it merely confirmed the Unionist Party's division.

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MORRIS

BAGIER (VTR LEAD IN)

Now the MP who last night issued a statement about his past relationship with a PR firm working for the Greek Government.

The Maurice Fraser Public Relations Firm said that they had been wrong to describe Mr. Gordon Bagier, the Labour MP for Sunderland South, as their Lobbyist. They say he should have been described as a Parliamentary Consultant.

Mr. Bagier said last night he had not used his position as an MP to further the interests of Maurice Fraser and associates, nor had he been asked by the firm to take action on behalf of the Greek Government.

Mr. Bagier resigned his post with the firm last October.

Earlier today, Julian Havilland spoke to him.

VTR R/T 1'55"

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BAGIER@ JULIAN HAVILAND

Why did you take the job on with Frazer and Associates.

B. Well mainly because I suppose I was invited to, and the terms of the contract and the work I was expected to do was, did not contrast with anything I thought was incorrect.

J.H. What do you thin k you were being paid to do, if it wasnt to further his firms ~~interestx~~ interest, to quote your statement this morning.

B. His firms interest yes, to further the firms interest, but in the firm it's meant the public relations firm as such. Most public relations firms handle many contracts, not just one or two or three, and in this case with a new firm being set up I was invited to help them to try and broaden the base of it.

J.L. Didnt you know about his connexions with the Greek govt.

B. I did, yes.

J.L. And it didnt occur to you you might be expected to further his intests with them, or their interests in this country.

B. Absolutely not b4cause this was made quite clear, and in fact the ~~xxxxx~~ terms of my contract with him makes this clear.

J.H. Did you ever think you were in danger of abusing your posdtion as an MP.

B. No I dont think so at all. In fact I think I've acted with complete propriety in accordance wi th the activities of many members of the House on both sides.

J.H. Why did you resign then last October.

B. Iresigned because in my view Fraser did wrong in describing me as a lobbyist to the Greek govt and without my knowledge and quite incorrectly and I told them this and resigned from the firm.

J.H. It didnt occur to you then to make known your connexion with the firm so as to make your position clear.

B. Well I think that at that particular time the argument was between him and I and as now the whole thing is being portrayed as a question if public relations with a foreign govt and certainly this I have never done and I dont know if there has been any other member of parliament has, but certainly I havent.

havent.

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PRE COMMERCIAL

We'll take the break now, and be back with film of the Queen in the driver's cab of a Tube Train - and her comments about it - and a report on a holiday beach that is full of mines.

Join us in 2 minutes.

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BAR_PW

ISRAEL/HART PHONO/STILLS & CAPTION

MAY-IR

Mrs. Golda Meir is to be Israel's new Prime Minister. She accepted the nomination of the ruling Labour Party's central committee today and will be formally appointed by President Shazar next week.

From Tel Aviv, Alan Hart.

HART PHONO, CAPTION AND STILLS

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BARLOW

JORDAN/MAP/FILM

She faces an increasingly difficult situation.

MAP

Israeli and Jordanian forces have exchanged fire again across the Jordan river. Reports from Amman say tanks were in action and one Israeli tank was knocked out. The Jordanian army has just taken delivery of a large shipment of British tanks in one of the biggest arms deal by Britain in the Middle East since the war of 1967.

Sandy Gall reports:

FLUP 1'12"

SOFT STARTS "18 Mark 9.....

ENDS".....Sandy Gall, Amman, Jordan.

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JORDAN / SANDY GALL

18 Mark 9 and 10s Centurian tanks have just been unloaded at the Jordanian port of Akahbar in the Red Sea. Neither Britain nor Jordan is saying how many tanks is involved in the deal, but guesses range from 50 right up to 100. As Centurians cost £30,000 each this would make the deal worth anything from 1½ to 3 million pounds. The Centurians which were transported 400 miles across the desert through the Lawrence of Arabia country to their base just outside Aman, fully replace Jordan's total losses against Israel in the June war. The Jordanians are said to have been keen to buy Centurians because they did so well in Israeli hands against the Russian T.54s and T.55s with which the Egyptian army was equipped. British officials hope the deal will halt the current Arab propaganda campaign alleging that Britain is favouring the Israeli army. But for this to be done convincingly, precise shipments of figures to both sides would have to be released This is Sandy Gall NAT, Amman

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Oliver

RB/ GLASGOW FIRE / ULAY

FLUP

In Glasgow, the upholstry firm which occupied the factory where 22 people died in a fire last November, was fined the maximum penalty of £300.

The fine was for failing to ensure that the fire escape doors could be easily and immediately opened from the inside. A director was also fined £300. Both he and the firm pleaded guilty.

RT: 19"

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ANDREWS

HUNGER/VTR/ULAY

Welsh students at Aberystwyth University began a hunger strike as a protest against what they call a "political trick" in sending Prince Charles to be a student there next term. Seven students took over a staff room on the fourth floor and plan to stay there - without food - indefinitely.

VTR UP

VTR 12"

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ANDREWS

CHARLES(FILM)

Prince Charles spent the evening at a London Hotel - at the Annual Dinner of the Helicopter Club. Pause 3 [redacted] His hosts included Grahame Hill the world champion driver. The party is due to break up at 1 o'clock. Prince Charles has just flown [redacted] solo for the first time now club officials hope he'll try for his helicopter licence and join the club.

FILM R.T. 31"

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MANDELL

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QUEEN (FILM)

The Queen drove a train today when she officially opened

MAP the newest section of the London Underground. (MAP). It's the third part of the £70 million Victoria Line and takes it as far South as Victoria. It's the most advanced and highly automated underground in the world, and the Queen said this was one reason why she was delighted to open it.

FILM UP RUNNING TIME:

BEGINS.....The second reason.....

ENDS.....Vauxhall, Stockwell and Brixton.

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QUEEN

The second reason why I'm grateful for your invitation is that so far as my family and I are concerned this is almost a domestic undertaking. It is some years since you first started burrowing underneath the Mall and your progress has been of constant interest. I now have pleasure in declaring the new Victoria Line open.

Yesterday it took 20 minutes to get from Victoria Station to Oxford Circus by underground. From today you can do it in 4 minutes on stage 3 of the new Victoria Line. By any standards thats progress, but there's more to it ~~x~~ than that It's taken 6 years and 70 million pounds to bore $10\frac{1}{2}$ miles of tube 70 feet underground from Walthamstow to Victoria It'll take 25,000 people an hour across London, and it's all done automatically by electronic gates television cameras ticket collectors and look-no-hands drivers. Today the Queen using both hands at the controls and under the watchful eye of driver Francis Fountain, drove off from Green Park Station for the short run to Oxford Circus, to inaugurate the new section. What sort of things do Queens want to know about driving automatic underground trains.

F.F. Why is it if the windows down it wont go, or if there's a door open it wont work.

? Did she actually drive the train herself.

FF Yes she actually drove the train herself.

? What did she have to do, show me what she had to do.

FF After I explained to her these two buttons and off the train went. . .... She'd been warned beforehand you know to be prepared for a sudden jerk forward see.

? But it was quite smooth

FF Oh yes

By the early 70's the opening of the final section of the Victoria Line will be to places like Pimlico, Vauxhall, Stockwell and Brixton

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Andrews.

SOCCER/ CAP

Tonight's soccer:

~~DIVISION TWO:~~

BURY	2	BOLTON	1
CARDIFF	3	NORWICH	1

~~DIVISION THREE:~~

TRANMERE	0	ROTHERHAM	0

~~DIVISON FOUR:~~

DONCASTER	2	YORK	1
SOUTHEND	4	NOTTS COUNTY	0

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Bariow

CRICKET/CAPTION/ FILM

Cricket. Fighting stopped play in the third test against Pakistan in Karachi after England struggled on through another day of interruptions by the crowd, 6 in all.

By the time play ended - 5 minutes early because of fighting on the field - England were 412 for six.

FILM UP The match began quietly enough yesterday but the crowd erupted when Milburn reached his century. From then on the players batted in conditions that made serious cricket increasingly difficult.

CUE: Graveney partnered Milburn in an unbroken stand of 148 during the day. Today he took his score to 105.

CUE: Milburn reached 139 before he was out.

It was his second test century. Most of the invasions of the pitch which frequently stopped play have been good-humoured. The fans just wanted to congratulate the players - and they kept their anger for the police ~~who first tried to stop them, and later gave up and withdrew from the ground.~~

But the players had to come off too, ~~more than once,~~ and 75 minutes of time has been lost so far.

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NEWS AT TEN

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RB/ MINES/ HATFIELD VTR

A beach on the East coast where thousands of people spend their holidays, was a live firing range during the war.

Bomb disposal experts are now digging up mines and shells just south of Skegness pier.

Keith Hatfield reports:

VTR STARTS"

VTR ENDS" .....News at Ten, Skegness."

VTR DUR:

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MINES / KEITH HATFIELD

The 1969 season for unexploded mines and bombs opens with its customary bang. This time it was an anti-personnel mine packed with 20 lbs of high explosive and still primed This one was found on Skegness beach. The army has just discovered that thousands of holiday makers who've packed these beaches since the war, have been sitting on a 1,300 acre former firing range. 30 bomb disposal men are now sweeping the beach before this years holiday season begins, and so far they've turned up 280 explosive missiles and 400 other missiles including mines, grenades, motor bombs, shells and anti-aircraft rockets. The number of deaths from wartime bombs and mines averages one a year, and most of them are bomb disposal experts. The man in charge of clearing the East coast is Captain Tom Moore.

T.M. Well bomb disposal and battle area clearance which is what we're doing here at Skegness, of course is a tremendous problem and we've got a lot of outstanding work, in fact we are commited now for 21 years work, without getting any new reports. For instance, yesterday I had 5 reports. In the last year of actual incidents we had 157 new reports of new types of work, so there's no question of redundancy in our job, we know we've got a lot of work on hand.

K.H. But you just discovered this range in Skegness, how many more firing ranges and mine fields could there be around.

T.M. This is very difficult to say During the last war there were 2 million acres under live firing. Well if one assumes that there's one blind, in other words unexploded missile, per acre which is a very poor yeild from our point of view, there's 2 million unexploded missiles. Last year we dealt with 16,000 assorted missiles.

Few of those holidaymakers who've lazed on this beach on a fine afternoon could have realised that they were lying on a lethal pile of army surplus material. Certainly around the coasts of Britain today there are many other firing ranges and minefields that are still undetected and even un recorded. It will take at least another 25 years before the beaches of Britain are finally cleared of army debris. So if you're on some remote beach one fine afternoon, you come agross something like this, dont

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presume that it's simply an old cake tin and start throwing stones at it, because this is an anti-tank mine. This is Keith Hatfield NAT SKEGNESS